

monomer containing a carboxylic acid group and monomer B is a water-insoluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer,

said aqueous phase containing a water-insoluble particulate stabilizer having a size of less than 100 nm and an effective amount of water-soluble inorganic salt to allow formation of stable monomer droplets in the aqueous phase, said monomer droplets comprising at least 20% by weight of said carboxylic acid containing monomer A wherein the water-soluble inorganic salts present in the aqueous phase is in a concentration of from 10% to 50% by weight.

3. (Twice Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid containing monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid.

12. (Amended) The process according to claim 11, wherein said water soluble inorganic salt is sodium chloride.

18. (Twice Amended) The process according to claim 17, wherein said promoter is polydiethanolamine.

21. (Amended) The process according to claim 20, wherein said polymerization inhibitor is potassium dichromate or cupric sulfate pentahydrate.